

THE PASTOR'S CORNER



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus and "Good morning"! Today, we will be talking about how important encouragement is in our faith journey with Jesus.

If this is your first visit to our church, you've recently started attending, or have any questions about Jesus or our church, please visit the Welcome Center immediately after the service. Friendly people will be there to greet you and answer your questions. We would love to help you meet, know, and follow Jesus and personally welcome you to our WCC family!

Key verses: Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-30; 11:19-26

Today's Message: Barnabas: Son of Encouragement

Series: Bringing Jesus to a Broken World

Pastor Frank Winans

Senior Pastor

WCC Kids Ministry

Hello Church Family,

A blessed Sunday to all! Today, the kids will start learning about a new EPIC teaching from the Bible: Spiritual Gifts and where they come from. After service, we will have **Scuba VBS Volunteer Training**.

May 26 - WCC Kids Spotlight and May Birthday Bash

The kids will have a special time during worship. Pastor Graham will give them a short homily, blessing, and prayer. We will also be celebrating May birthday celebrants with cupcakes for each class. The celebrants get a gift from the WCC Kids mystery box.

June 10-13 - Scuba VBS (Vacation Bible School): Diving Into Friendship with God.

Scuba VBS runs from **9:00-12:00** on **June 10-13**. **Register today** for only **\$10/child** (*until spots fill up or May 31*).

Save the Dates

June 16 - VBS Celebration Part 1 (Kona shaved ice)

June 23 - VBS Celebration Part 2 (water slide and water day)

June 30 - The Crossing (Moving Up Ceremony for 6th Graders)

TODAY:

- 9:30 am | **Prayer Time** | Bldg. A - Conference Room
- 10:30 am | **In-Person and Online Service**
- 12:00 pml **HOSPITALITY** Thanks to Mercy Smith's Team
- 12:00 pml **VBS Volunteer Training/B7-10**
- 12:15 pm | **Sunday School with Pastor Michael/B1-4**
- 4-6 pm | **AWANA Last Day**

Coming Up:

- May 22 Wed/ **The WORD Speaks Bible Study/Bldg B**
- 23 Thurs/ **GriefShare Session 2/6-8 pm/B7-10**
- 23 Thurs/**Prayer Time with Pastor Frank/4 pm/Conference Room**
- 24 Fri/ **College & Career Group/3:30-5:30 pm/C-13**
- Youth Group/6:30 pm/Youth Center**
- 26 Sun/ **Meet the Pastors / 12 pm/Bldg B**
- Sunday School with Pastor Michael/12 pm/B1-4**
- 29 Wed/ **The WORD Speaks Bible Study Last Day**
- May 31 to June 2 - **WCC 26th Annual Men's Golf Retreat**
- June 7 Fri/ **Growth Group Ends**
- 10-13/ **VBS 2024: SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God**
- 16 Sun/ **Father's Day/VBS Celebration Part 1**
- 21 Fri/ **Four Seasons Fellowship Luncheon/11 am/Bldg B1-4**
- 21-22/ **YOUTH Lock-in**
- 23 Sun/ **Grads Sunday/VBS Celebration Part 2**
- 29-30/ **Overnight Hiking with God**
- 30 Sun/ **The Crossing (Moving Up Sunday)**

May 12	Offerings	YTD Offerings	YTD Budget	YTD Difference
Ministry	12,919	217,128	256,040	(38,912)
Missions	1,202	32,815	35,710	(2,895)

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Welcome to Woodbridge Community Church. Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome Visitors and Guests! Please fill out the Welcome Card at the seat pocket in front of you and bring it to the Welcome Center at the church lobby! We have a welcome gift waiting for you. Or, just fill it up online using this QR code and ask for your welcome gift. Just mention that you filled up the Welcome Card online.



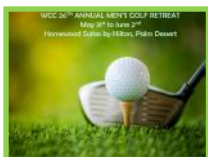
SUNDAY School with Pastor Michael Cranford Walking with the Spirit through the Book of Acts

The same Spirit who worked powerfully through faithful people in the early church desires to work in your life today. Come and experience His transforming power as we study Acts. Sundays from 12:15 to 1:30 pm in Bldg B1-4. Please grab your food/coffee before coming to class.



GRIEF SHARE

If you or someone you know is grieving from the loss of a loved one, join our GriefShare class every Thursday at 6-8 pm in Bldg B7-10. You may sign up online or call the office at 949-552-1101. For more information, contact June Partridge.



WCC 26th Annual Men's Golf Retreat

May 31st to June 2nd
Homewood Suites by Hilton, Palm Desert

(Sign up online or in the lobby after the service.)



MEET THE PASTORS

We would like to invite all newer attendees to come and meet the pastors, the staff and the leadership of the church on Sunday, May 26th in Bldg B7-10 right after worship service. If you know of any newcomers, especially those in your Growth Group, please let them know about the event. It's only from 12-1 pm, and lunch will be served.



VBS 2024 - SCUBA Diving into Friendship with God

June 10-13, 2024 9 am to 12 noon

Cost: \$10/child until May 31st

We are also looking for volunteers!
Please sign up online or in the lobby after service.
Look for Fhina Chissek or Chris Nguyen



GRADS SUNDAY June 23, 2024

If you or someone you know is graduating this year, please send name, baby picture and graduation picture to Jacob Prado at jprado@woodbridgechurch.org or call the office at 949-552-1101 **on or before June 15th.**

BRINGING JESUS TO A BROKEN WORLD

A WCC Message Series

May 19, 2024

Today's Message: Barnabas: Son of Encouragement

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Pastor Graham McGuinness



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Sermon Notes:

1. His _____ to the LORD.
His _____ towards new converts
2. His _____ as a missionary
His unselfishness and _____
His _____
3. Our _____ to the LORD

Follow-up Questions from Sunday:

Quick Review:

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Introduction question for groups:

Who would you say is the person that has encouraged you the most in your life?

Digging Deeper:

1. How would you define the word "encouragement" and what would you say are the primary qualities of an encouraging person?
2. In Acts 4:36-37, a very special person is introduced who's given the nickname "son of encouragement". His life, ministry, character, and influence are revealed over for the next 11 chapters. Why do you think this is?
3. When you read Acts 9:19-28, Saul/Paul begins living for Jesus with his radical conversion, but when he returns to Jerusalem the Apostles refused to meet with him out of fear. If Barnabas wasn't there to intercede for Paul and bring him into fellowship with the leaders of the church, how different do you think our faith would be today? What does this tell you about the person and character of Barnabas?
4. What more do you learn about Barnabas in Acts 11: 19-26?
5. Barnabas is the one who took the chance of bringing Paul into fellowship and ministry in the Church. Many say Paul was the greatest influence in the Church next to Jesus. If this is true, what does this say about the influence of Barnabas and how crucial the ministry of encouragement is?
6. Who would you say has been a "Barnabas" to you and where do you think you would be today if they hadn't come into your life?
7. Who do you think are the people that would say about you that you have been a "Barnabas" to them?

Taking it home:

Meditate on the passages in Acts that speak about who the person and character of Barnabas is.

Pray for God to have Him influence you and give you opportunities this week to encourage people in their walk with Jesus.

Prayer:

Pray for each other in your group that God would give all of you opportunities to encourage God's people this week.

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

Pastor Sabir Simon – Harvest Christian Ministries, Pakistan

Teaching session with leaders in the minister:

It was a tremendous teaching session with our Bible class students and leaders. We learnt how can we keep pressing hard when things are not moving as we desired. How Isaac in famine at a difficult time for the whole land, trusted the voice of God and didn't migrate to Egypt rather stayed, worked hard and got rewarded with 100 percent. We all listened the voice of the holy spirit to continue doing our best and leave the rest with Him. We redetermined to move on. No matter what comes our way to hinder us.



It is always exciting to be in the presence of God for His outpouring through His word. A beautiful opportunity to magnify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ among His people in a teaching seminar where I taught about the meaning and purpose of a leader in any church. Society or family. How the leaders emerge and what strengthens them. The session was amazing, and we all experience the thickness of His glory touching every heart yielding for His amazing love.



Teaching in Sunday service:

As we all experienced the mind-blowing move of the Holy Spirit in the seminar, so to continue relishing on His presence I was given another opportunity to preach in the Sunday service in the same church and we learnt on how we can have the lasting impact of His glory and presence. It's one of my favorite subjects to preach and practice the Presence of God.



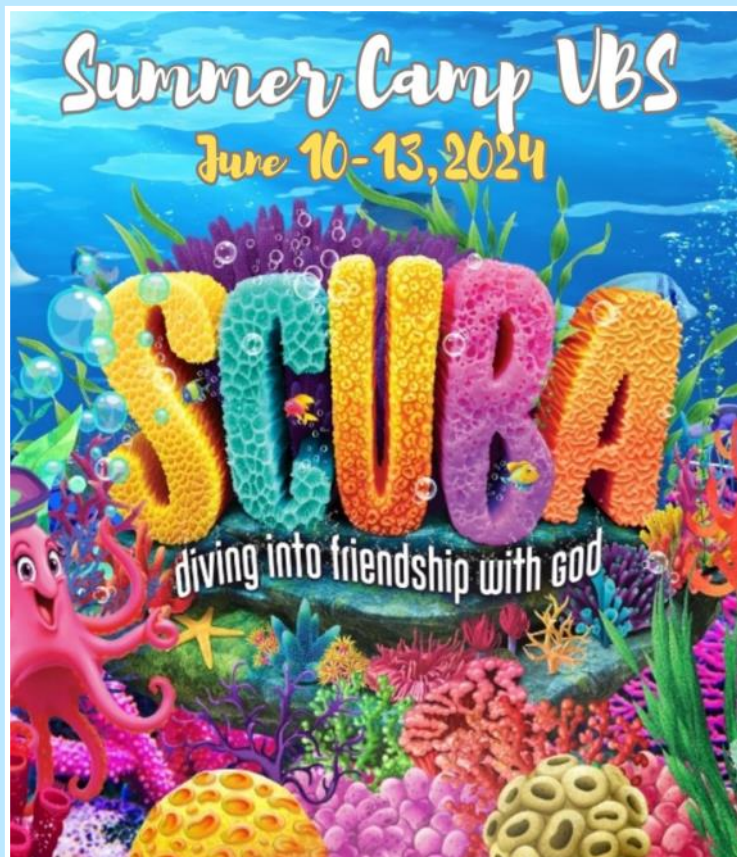
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**Names withheld for security reasons

If you are interested in joining the Missions Committee and see/hear what God's doing great things around the world, please reach out to Pastor Vince Arnaldo (714)273-8364 or Missions Chairman Sunny @ (714) 900-0409.



**Scuba VBS (Vacation Bible School)
Diving Into Friendship with God**

From 9:00-12:00 on June 10-13, we will dive into a deeper friendship with God. Cost is only \$40/child. Register online or in the lobby after service.

PS: *VBS is FREE for first time WCC VBS attendees* so invite your friends and family.

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PRAY FOR OUR VBS

"Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS."



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

"God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us."

